

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method of recording information on a user recordable multi-layer record carrier having a plurality of information layers including at least a first information layer and a second information layer for storing information, the method comprising acts of:

receiving data content to be recorded on the user recordable multi-layer record carrier;~~and~~

recording the data content on the user recordable multi-layer record carrier such that the data content is substantially evenly distributed between each of the plurality of information layers and recorded in compliance with a ROM (read only memory) record carrier standard, wherein portions of the data content are recorded in data areas of the first and second information layers such that the data areas are superjacent; and

shifting middle zone areas of at least the first and second information layers towards an inner radius of the disc such that inner radius data areas of the first and second information layers are filled with a portion of the recorded data content if the user recordable multi-layer record carrier is recorded with less than a full capacity of the user recordable multi-layer record carrier.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently amended) A user recordable multi-layer record carrier, said record carrier comprising:

a plurality of information layers including at least a first information layer and a second information layer for storing data content recorded on the user recordable multi-layer record carrier such that the data content is substantially evenly distributed between each of the plurality of information layers and recorded in compliance with a ROM (read only memory) record carrier standard,

wherein portions of the data content are recorded in data areas of the first and second information layers such that the data areas are of substantially equal size and are superjacent and wherein middle zone areas of at least the first and second information layers are shifted towards an inner radius of the disc such that inner radius data areas of the first and second information layers are filled with a portion of the recorded data content.

5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the recordable multi-layer record carrier is an optical disk, ~~and wherein the method further comprises an act of shifting middle-zone areas of at least the first and second information layers towards an inner radius of the disc such that the data areas of the first and second information layers are filled with a portion of the recorded data content.~~

6. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein recording comprises acts of dividing the received data content into portions

of substantially equal size, and recording the portions of the data content to the data areas of the plurality of information layers.

7. (Previously presented) The method of claim 6, wherein dividing the data content into portions of substantially equal size comprises an act of dividing the data content based on recording time.

8. (Previously presented) The method of claim 6, wherein dividing the data content into portions of substantially equal size comprises an act of dividing the data content based on a size of the data content to be recorded.

9. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the data content is video data.

10. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the data content is audio data.

11. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the data content is audio/visual data.

12. (Currently amended) A method of recording information on a user recordable multi-layer optical disc having a plurality of information layers, the method comprising acts of:

receiving data content to be recorded on the user recordable multi-layer optical disk; and

recording the data content in data areas of the plurality of information layers such that the data content is substantially evenly distributed between each of the plurality of information layers and recorded in compliance with a ROM (read only memory) record carrier standard,

wherein recording includes an act of shifting middle zone areas of the plurality of information layers towards an inner radius of the disc if the user recordable multi-layer optical disk is recorded with less than a full capacity of the user recordable multi-layer optical disk such that the data area of the plurality of information layers are (i) substantially equal size, (ii)

substantially filled with a portion of the recorded data content and are (iii) spatially aligned.

13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein recording the data content comprises an act of dividing the data content into portions of substantially equal size, and recording the portions of the data content to the data areas of the plurality of information layers.

14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 13, wherein dividing the data content into portions of substantially equal size comprises an act of dividing the data content based on recording time.

15. (Previously presented) The method of claim 13, wherein dividing the data content into portions of substantially equal size comprises an act of dividing the data content based on a size of the data content to be recorded.

16. (Previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the data content is video data.

17. (Previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the data content is audio data.

18. (Previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the data content is audio/visual data.